REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-3, 7-11, 14-16, 19-21, and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102, and claims 4-6, 12, 13, 17, 18, and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103. Claims 1, 8, 14, and 19 are amended. No new matter is added. The rejections are respectfully traversed in light of the following remarks, and reconsideration is requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-3, 7-11, 14-16, 19-21, and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Nguyen et al. (US 6,490,051). In rejecting independent claims 1, 8, 14, and 19, the Examiner cites, in relevant part, to Nguyen at column 4, lines 17-25; column 7, lines 12-24 and 36-50; column 7, line 58 to column 9, line 40, and column 13, lines 1-17 for disclosing a dynamically user-created character substitution table for substituting a portion of said program that is not compatible with said printer, wherein the program can include both printable characters and print commands.

As Applicants stated in the previous response, Applicants believe that the system disclosed by Nguyen is for supplying character codes for different fonts to be printed and that the system uses "predefined glyph conversions" (col. 17, lines 22-25), with new fonts or glyphs handled by modifying sub-modules. In other words, Nguyen teaches a printer system in which only the glyphs are replaced, where the system-supported glyphs are pre-established.

In contrast, claim 1, as amended, recites that "the characters and print commands from a data stream to the printer can be directly modified by the user". Support for the amendment is found in Applicants' specification at page 17, line 15 to page 18, line 7. This more clearly points out the differences over Nguyen in that the user can enter what they are looking for in a data stream, locate characters or commands in the data stream, and specify how these

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characters or commands are modified, such as deleted, replaced, or changed. Consequently, a user can quickly and easily customize the character substitution table by modifying characters and commands in the data stream, such as by using an editor program in the printer manager system.

Thus, claim 1 is patentable over Nguyen.

Independent claims 8, 14, and 19, as amended, recite that "the characters and print commands from a data stream to the printer can be directly modified by the user." Thus, claims 8, 14, and 19 are patentable over Nguyen for reasons similar to claim 1 discussed above.

Claims 2, 3, 7, 9-11, 15, 16, 20, 21, and 23 depend on claims 1, 8, 14, and 19 and are thus patentable over Nguyen for at least the same reasons as claims 1, 8, 14, and 19.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Dependent claims 4-6, 12, 13, 17, 18, and 22 were rejected as being unpatentable over Nguyen et al. in view of Colletti (US 6,323,865). Colletti was cited by the Examiner for disclosing various limitations in the above dependent claims. However, Colletti does not remedy the deficiencies of Nguyen et al. as applied to claims 1, 8, 14, and 19 discussed above.

Accordingly, dependent claims 4-6, 12, 13, 17, 18, and 22 are patentable over the cited references for at least the same reasons as claims 1, 8, 14, and 19.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

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CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant believes pending claims 1-23 are allowable, and

a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding

the application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned Attorney at (949) 752-7040.

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